

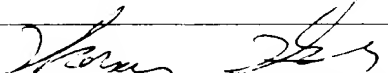
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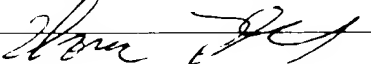
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| REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132 effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA). | Application Number | 09/735,131 |
| | Filing Date | 12/12/2000 |
| | First Named Inventor | David M. Hoffman |
| | Group Art Unit | 2878 |
| | Examiner Name | C. HANNAHER |
| | Attorney Docket Number | 15-CT-5233 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2003, and made final, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 26 and 28-30 without prejudice.

4. (twice amended) A finished detector module assembly suitable for use in a computed tomography (CT) imaging system, said detector module comprising:

a substrate;

a photosensor array mounted on the substrate;

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